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CHARTER

Granted to the

Apothecaries of London,

The 30th of *May*, 13 *Jac.* 1.

Tranſlated and Printed for the better Information of the ſaid Apothecaries in their Duty

TO THE

City of LONDON,

THE

Colledg of Phyſicians,

AND

Their Own SOCIETY.

LONDON,

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The 30th of *May*, 13 *Jac.* 1.

THE King, To all to whom this preſent Charter, *&c.* ſendeth Greeting. Whereas heretofore by our Letters Patents, paſt under the Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Weſtminſter*, the ninth day of *April*, in the year of our Reign over *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, the fourth; and over *Scotland* the , of our Special Grace, We have Willed, Ordained and Granted, that all and ſingular the Free-men of the Myſtery of Grocers and Apothecaries of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors from thenceforth for ever, for the better order, government, and regiment of the men of the Myſtery of Grocers and Apothecaries of the City of *London*, and for the profit, commodity, and relief of the good and honeſt, and for the terror and correction of the evil, deceitful and diſhoneſt, ſhould and might be, by virtue of the ſame Letters Patents, one Body Corporate and Politique, in deed, fact, and name, by the name of Warden and Commonalty of the Myſtery of Grocers of the City of *London*, and the ſame men (by the Name of Warden and Commonalty of the Myſtery of Grocers of the City of

Apothecaries and Grocers made one Corporation, 4 *Jac.* 1.

London) to be one Body Corporate and Politique, in deed, fact and name, really and fully: for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, by the ſaid Letters Patents, did then erect, make, ordain, conſtitute and declare, and that by the ſaid name they ſhould have perpetual ſucceſſion, as by the ſame our Letters Patents (amongſt other things) it doth manifeſtly appear. But now ſeeing it hath been demonſtrated to us in the behalf of our beloved Subjects, the Apothecaries of our City of *London*, and likewiſe it hath been affirmed to us, and approved by our well beloved *Theodore de Mayerne*, and *Henry Atkins*, Doctors in Phyſick, our diſcreet and faithful Phyſicians, that of theſe laſt years many Empericks, and ignorant and unlearned men, inhabit and dwell in our City of *London*, and Suburbs thereof, who, not being brought up in the art and myſtery of an Apothecary, but being unskilful and ignorant in the ſame, do make and compound very many unwholſome, hurtful, falſe, corrupt, and pernicious Medicines; and do ſell and daily tranſmit the ſame into moſt parts of this our Kingdom of *England*, to the reproach and ſcorn not only of that honourable Science of Phyſick, and the learned Phyſicians of this our Kingdom of *England*, profeſſing the ſame; and likewiſe of the Apothecaries of the City of *London*, educated and expert in the ſaid Art and Myſtery; but alſo to the danger and daily peril of the lives of our Subjects. And ſeeing it belongs to our Kingly Prerogative and Supreme Government (by which we order and comprize all our Subjects, and all the parts, members and ſocieties of our Kingdom) that for the publick good, and with regard to times, at our will and pleaſure we may create, erect, inſtitute and *Superinduce* new Societies and Bodies Politique and Corporate, as well out of perſons which before were clearly ſeparated, and brought and collected into no body, as out of ancient Bodies Corporate, where it ſeems moſt expedient to us for the better government of our People: We therefore conſidering it to be the duty of our Kingly office by all ways and means to conſult and provide for the Publick Good and Safety of our Subjects, and throughly weighing within ourſelves how we might ſeaſonably prevent the endeavours of thoſe ill men, have (from the advice of

The grounds for this new Charter.

This Charter granted by means of Phyſicians of the Colledg.

of our Councel learned in the Laws) judged it very neceſſary to diſ-unite, diſ-joyn, ſeparate and diſſociate the Apothecaries of our City of *London*, from the Free-men of the ſaid Myſtery of Grocers, to Erect, Create, and Conſtitute the ſame Apothecaries by themſelves ſolely and ſeparately (and from the Free-men of the Myſtery of Grocers aforeſaid, diſ-united and ſevered to all intents and purpoſes) into one Body Politique and Corporate: To whom in all time to come the care and correction of all the miſchiefs and inconveniencies aforeſaid ſhould be committed and given in charge, yet ſo as they be ſubject to the ſuperiour and general Government of our City of *London*, and Magiſtrates of the ſame, after the manner of other Societies. Know ye therefore, that We, being moved by the entreaties of our beloved and faithful Phyſicians, *Theodore de Mayerne* and *Henry Atkins*, and alſo of the Apothecaries aforeſaid, but more eſpecially out of our Princely care and ſolicitude to promote the ſtate of the Commonwealth, and to procure the publick good, that the ignorance and raſhneſs of Empericks, and the unlearned, and unexpert men, aforeſaid, may be reſtrain'd, from whence very many inconveniencies and dangers accrue to the poor and credulous common people. And that the Apothecaries therein after named, as well from the aforeſaid Body Politique, of the Free-men of the Myſtery of Grocers of the City of *London*, as from whatſoever other Bodies Politique, Societies or Communities, of whatſoever other Arts, Faculties, or Myſteries, in our ſaid City of *London*, may be diſ-united, ſevered, and diſ-joyned, and being by Us, unto a Body Politique and Corporate, by themſelves made, conſtituted and created, may, and for ever hereafter to all intents and purpoſes, ſo be and remain, as for other urgent cauſes Us eſpecially moving, Of our ſpecial Grace, and of our certain knowledge, and meer motion, Will, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Grant to *William Beſſe*, *Edmund Phillips*, *Lawrence Manſfeild*, *Thomas Colthurſt*, *Richard Bacon*, *Stephen Higgins*, *William Compton*, *Richard Trovt*, *George Sheeres*, *William Hutton*, *William Chaplin*, *William Quick*, *Thomas Whitly*, *John Parkinſon*, *Ralph Clayton*, *William Gwyn*, *Humphrey Gravenor*, *Lawrence Lind*,

The Apothecaries ſeparate from the Company of Grocers.

And made an Incorporation.

Subject to the Magiſtracy of the City as well as others.

Sir *Theodore Mayerne*, and ... *Atkins*, the chief Procurers of the Apothecaries Charter.

Lind, *John Huett*, *Nicholas Gibſon*, *John Slater*, *Peter Watſon*, *William Checkly*, *Thomas Tomlinſon*, *Daniel Darnelly*, *William Clark* Sen. *Adrian Barton*, *William Wells*, *Richard Edwards*, *Richard Palmer*, *William Peck*, *Joſiah Harris*, *Thomas Bullard*, *Iſrael Wolfe*, *James Colwell*, *Thomas Giſtie*, *Thomas Hicks*, *Robert Hudſon*, *John Sheppard*, *Thomas Fones*, *Gabriel Shereife*, *John Warkehowſe*, *John Walter*, *James Fothergill*, *Samuel Jones*, *Thomas Bate*, *George Welſham* Sen. *Timothy Read*, *Lewis Morton*, *Thomas Bell* Sen. *Edward Cooke*, *Robert Boreman*, *Toby Wincks*, *John Leſted*, *William Shambrooke*, *Edward Tasborough*, *John Daſon*, *Leonard Stone*, *John Hinſon*, *Iſaac Yonge*, *William Nocke*, *Richard Salter*, *John Evans*, *William Spencer*, *Simon Drew*, *Joliffe Lownes*, *Samuel Lenn*, *Richard Young*, *Robert Vawdry*, *James Everett*, *Nicholas Goffe*, *Peter Howell*, *Francis Baldwin*, *Edward Clarke* Jun. *John Wheeler* Jun. *Gilbert Johnſon*, *Robert Elkyn*, *John Browne*, *Thomas Broome*, *Richard Glover*, *William Bell* Jun. *Robert Hore*, *Stephen Chaſe*, *Samuel Moſſe*, *Philip Griffith*, *Samuel Harriſon*, *John Morecroft*, *James Rand*, *John Hide*, *James Walſham*, *Abraham Webb*, *John Taylor*, *Ralph Yardly*, *Thomas Raſhton*, *John Sares*, *George Houghton*, *Roger Harris*, *George Steward*, *Richard Swetſon*, *Robert Mace*, *John Kellet*, *Richard Bragge*, *Miles Sparks*, *James Tomkins*, *Richard Aſhby*, *Zachary Warren*, *Richard Blackwell*, *Willivm Cleyton*, *William Roberts*, *Francis Unrayne*, *Richard Moore*, *Charles Munck*, *Samuel Tubman*, and *Michael Eaſon*; and to all other perſons whatſoever, being our natural Subjects, in the Art, Faculty or Myſtery of Apothecaries, educated and learned, and the ſame Art, Faculty or Myſtery at this time exerciſing; or being Free-men of the Myſtery of Grocers of the City of *London*, and with the ſame conjunctly and promiſcuouſly into one Body Corporate, and Community (as aforeſaid) Made and Conſtituted; or being Free-men of any other Arts, Faculties or Myſteries in the City of *London*, and with the ſame into one Body Corporate, Society or Community, before this time by us or by any of our Progenitors made, incorporated and conſtituted: That they, and every of them, together with all and every their Apprentices, who before the date of theſe preſents, before the Warden of the Myſtery of Grocers aforeſaid, or before the Wardens or Maſters of any other

Natural Subjects.

And their Apprentices

Arts,

Arts, Faculties or Myſteries, in this City of *London*, have put themſelves Apprentices to any Apothecary or Apothecaries, As well from the aforeſaid Body Politique, and Community of Free-men of the Myſtery of Grocers aforeſaid, as from all other Bodies Politick, Communities or Societies, of any other Arts, Faculties, or Myſteries in the City of *London* whatſoever, be diſ-united, ſevered, put aſunder, diſ-joyned and diſſociated: And the ſame Apothecaries, and every of them before-named or mentioned, together with all and every of their Apprentices, By our Regal Prerogative and Royal Power, We do diſ-unite, ſever, put aſunder, diſ-joyn and diſ-aſſociate: And we Will by theſe preſents, that the ſame Apothecaries together with all and ſingular their aforeſaid Apprentices, by virtue of theſe our Letters Patents, be and remain from henceforth for ever free, diſcharged, acquitted, exonerated, and wholly exempt (to all intents and purpoſes) as well, of and from all Oaths, Juriſdictions, Powers, Authorities, Statutes, Ordinances, Conſtitutions, Superviſions, Scrutinies, Summons, Convocations, Conventions, Government, Rule, Corrections, Impoſitions, Taxations, Collections of Money, Payments, Charges, Fines, Amercements, Impriſonments, Diſtreſſes, Peins and Penalties whatſoever, of the Warden and Community of the Myſtery of Grocers aforeſaid, for the time being, or their Succeſſors, As of any other Bodies Politique and Corporate, Communities or Societies whatſoever, in our City of *London*, and their Succeſſors, Any Statutes, Acts of Parliament, Ordinances, Proviſions, Cuſtoms, Grants, Confirmations, Priviledges, Charters or Letters Patents of us or of any of our Progenitors, to the Warden and Commonalty of the Myſtery of Grocers of *London* aforeſaid, made to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding. And further, out of our more abundant and ſpecial grace, and certain knowledge, and meer motion (to the end the Art, Myſtery or Faculty of Apothecaries (now of a long time faln and deſpiſed) may the better advance to its beſeeming greatneſs and honour) We do for our ſelves, our Heirs and Succeſſors, by theſe preſents, Grant to the aforeſaid *William Beſſe*, *Edmund Phillips*, *Lawrence Mansfeild*, *Thomas Colthurſt*, *Richard Bacon*, *Stephen Higgins*, *William Compton*, *John Wolfgangfumbler*, *Lewis Myreo*,

Separated from the Grocers.

And exempt from all Fines, Amercements, &c. from the ſame.

Myroe, Gideon de Laune, George Sheeres, Edward de Plewris, Richard Trowt, William Hutton, William Clappham, Thomas Whitly, John Parkinſon, Ralph Clayton, William Gwyn, Humphry Gravenor, Lawrence Lund, John Huett, Nicholas Gibſon, John Slater, Peter Watſon, William Checkly, Thomas Tomlinſon, Daniel Darnelly, William Clarke Sen. *Adrian Barton, William Wells, Richard Edwards, Richard Palmer, William Peck, Joſiah Harris, Thomas Bullard, Iſrael Wolfe, James Colwell, Thomas Criſtie, Thomas Hicks, Robert Hudſon, John Sheppard, Richard Weſton, Thomas Fones, Gabriel Sherife, John Warkhouſe, John Walter, James Fothergill, Samuel Jones, Thomas Bate, George Walſham* Sen. *Timothy Read, Lewis Moreton, Thomas Bell* Sen. *Edward Cook, Robert Boreman, Toby Wincks, Jo. Leſted, John Eaſon, William Shambrooke, Edward Tasborough, Leonard Stone, John Hinſon, Iſaac Young, William Nock, Richard Saulter, Jo. Evans, Will. Spenſer, Simon Drew. Folliffe Lownes, Samuel Lenne, Richard Young, Robert Vawdry, James Everett, Peter Howell, Edward Clarke* Jun. *Nicholas Goffe, Francis Baldwyn, John Wheeler* Jun. *Gilbert Johnſon, Richard Aſhbye, Robert Elkyn, John Browne, Thomas Broome, Richard Glover, William Bell* Jun. *Robert Hore, Stephen Chaſe, Samuel Moſſe, Philip Griffith, Samuel Harriſon, Jo. Morecroft, James Rand, John Hide, James Mulſam, Abraham Webb, John Taylor, Ralph Yardly, Thomas Ruſhton, John Sares, George Houghton, Roger Harris, Robert Mace, George Steward, Richard Swetſon, John Kellet, Richard Bragg, Troman Parkins, Miles Sparkes, James Tomkins, Richard Beſſe, Zachary Waring, Richard Blackwell, William Clayton, William Roberts, Francis Unrayne, Richard Moore, Charles Munck, Paul Lovet,* and *Samuel Tubman* ; and to all and ſingular other perſons whatſoever, brought up and skilled in the Art, Myſtery or Faculty of an Apothecary, and exerciſing the ſame Art, Myſtery or Faculty, now being Free-men of the Myſtery of Grocers aforeſaid, or being Free-men of any other Arts, Myſteries or Faculties in the City of *London* (provided they have been educated and are expert in the Art and Faculty of an Apothecary) that they, and all ſuch Free-men of the ſaid Art, Myſtery or Faculty of an Apothecary, of and in the aforeſaid City, and Suburbs of the ſame, and within ſeven miles of the aforeſaid City, be and ſhall be one Body Corporate

porate and Politick, in deed, fact and name, by the name of Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London:* And Them, by the name of Maſter, Wardens and Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London*, into one Body Corporate and Politique, in deed, fact and name, really and fully, for our Selves, our Heirs and Succeſſors, We do erect, make, ordain, conſtitute, create and declare, by Theſe preſents. And that by the ſame name they ſhall have perpetual ſucceſſion. And that they and their Succeſſors (by the name of Maſter, Wardens and Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London*) be, and ſhall be at all times to come hereafter perſons fit, and in Law capable, and a body corporate and politique, and in Law capable to have, purchaſe, poſſeſs, enjoy and receive Mannors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchiſes, Juriſdictions and Hereditaments whatſoever, of whatſoever kind, name, nature, quality or ſort they ſhall be, to them and their Succeſſors in Fee ſimple, and for ever, or for the term of a year or years, or otherwiſe, in what manner ſoever; And alſo Goods and Chattels, and other things whatſoever, of what name, nature, kind, quality, or ſort ſoever they may be; And alſo to grant, deviſe, alien, aſſign and diſpoſe of Mannors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments; and to do and execute all and ſingular other acts and things by the name aforeſaid; And that by the ſame name of Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London*, they may be able, and may implead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended in all Courts, Pleas, and Places whatſoever, and before any of our Judges and Juſtices, and other perſons or officers whatſoever, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, in all and ſingular Actions, Pleas, Suits, Plaints, Cauſes, Matters and Demands whatſoever, of whatſoever kind, quality, or ſort they be, or may be, in the ſame manner and form, as any other our Leige People of *England*, being perſons fit and capable in Law, or any other Body Corporate or Politique, within our Kingdom of *England*, may or are able to have, purchaſe, receive,

By the name of the Maſter, Wardens, &c. made a Body Politick.

Capable to purchaſe lands, &c. by the ſame name.

In Fee Simple.

For term of years, or otherwiſe.

To ſue, and be ſued.

poſſeſs and enjoy, relieve, give, grant, demiſe, alien, aſſign and diſpoſe of, implead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended, do, permit, or execute. And that the ſame Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London* afareſaid, may have for ever a Common Seal to ſerve them in Cauſes and Buſineſſes of themſelves and their Succeſſors. And that it may, and ſhall be Lawful for the ſame Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries of *London* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that Seal at their own Will and Pleaſure, from time to time, to break, change, and to make a new one, as it ſhall ſeem to them beſt to be done; And further We Will and Ordain, and by theſe Preſents for our ſelves, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, Grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries aforeſaid, and ſo to their Succeſſors, that from henceforth, for ever, and for all times to come, there be, and ſhall be, one of the Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries aforeſaid, in form, in theſe Preſents mentioned to be choſen and nominated, who ſhall be named and called Maſter of the Art and Society aforeſaid; And that, in like manner, there be, and ſhall be, two of the Society of the Art and Myſtery aforeſaid, in form in theſe Preſents expreſſed, to be choſen and named, who ſhall be, and be named, Wardens of the Art, Myſtery, and Society aforeſaid: And alſo, that in like manner, there be, and ſhall be, one and twenty of the Society aforeſaid, in form in theſe Preſents hereafter likewiſe mentioned, to be Choſen, who ſhall be, and ſhall be named, Aſſiſtants of the Art and Society of Apothecaries of the City of *London*; and from time to time ſhall be aſſiſting and aiding the Maſter, and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the time being, in all cauſes, matters, and things, touching or concerning the ſaid Maſter and Society. And we further Will, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, Grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society, and to their Succeſſors, that it may, and ſhall be lawful to the ſame Maſter, Wardens, and Society, and their Succeſſors,

To have a Common Seal.

At pleaſure to be broken, or altered.

Power to chuſe a Maſter.

Two Wardens.

One and twenty Aſſiſtants.

ſors, of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries of *London* aforeſaid, to have, purchaſe, retain, and appoint a certain Hall, or Council Houſe, within our City of *London*; And that the ſame Maſter, and Wardens of the Myſtery aforeſaid, or any two of them, (of which the Maſter for the time being we Will to be one) as often as it ſhall ſeem to them to be fit and neceſſary, at their will and pleaſure, at all times hereafter, lawfully may, and ſhall have a power to call together and hold, within the ſame Hall, or Houſe, a certain Court or Convocation of the ſame Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants aforeſaid, to the number of thirteen perſons or more, (of which the Maſter, and one Warden, of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the time being, as aforeſaid, we Will to be two.) And that in the ſame Court, or Convocation, they may, and may be able to handle, report, conſult, adviſe, and determin, of Statutes, Laws, Articles, Ordinances, and Conſtitutions, touching and concerning the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, the good Government, State, and Rule of the ſame, according to their ſound Diſcretions, or according to the ſound Diſcretion of the Major part of them, ſo as aforeſaid aſſembled, (of which the Maſter, and one Warden, of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the time being, we Will to be two.) And further, we Will by theſe preſents, for our Selves, our Heirs and Succeſſors, grant to the Maſter, Wardens and Society of the Art or Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London*, and to their Succeſſors, That the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery aforeſaid, for the time being, to the number of thirteen perſons or more (of which the aforeſaid Maſter for the time being we Will to be one) upon publique Summons thereof, being aſſembled together to that purpoſe, in the Hall or Houſe of the Society aforeſaid, May have, and ſhall have full Power, Licence and Authority, to compoſe, conſtitute, ordain, and make, from time to time, any Laws, Statutes, Conſtitutions, Decrees and Ordinances whatſoever reaſonably, in writing, which to them or the major part of them (of which the Maſter of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the time being we Will

To have an Hall or Council houſe.

To keep Court or a Convocation.

To conſult about Statutes, Laws, Articles, &c.

The Maſter, Wardens, &c. being 13 in number.

To make Laws.

to be one) ſhall ſeem to be good, wholſome, profitable, honeſt and neceſſary, according to their ſound diſcretions, for the Good Rule and Government of them, the Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants and Society and Myſtery of Apothecaries aforeſaid, and of all and ſingular other perſons, exerciſing and occupying the Art or Myſtery of Apothecaries aforeſaid, within the City of *London* aforeſaid, the Liberties and Suburbs of the ſame, and within ſeven miles of the ſame City ; and for declaring in what manner and order the ſame Maſter, Wardens and Society, and all and every the Apprentices, Officers and Miniſters of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, in their Offices, Functions, Miniſteries, Apprentiſhips, Artifices and Buſineſſes, within the City aforeſaid, and Liberties and Suburbs of the ſame, and within ſeven miles of the ſame City, ſhall behave, carry and uſe themſelves, for the more advantageous publick good, common profit, and good rule of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, and government of the ſame ; and in all other matters and cauſes whatſoever, touching, or in any manner or wiſe concerning the Myſtery or Society aforeſaid ; Provided always, That for ſo many and ſuch Ordinances as ſhall concern Medicines or Compoſitions, and the uſe of them, they ſhall from time to time call upon the Preſident and four Cenſors and Governors of the Colledg and Community of Phyſicians of *London*, or other Phyſicians by the Preſident aforeſaid to be named, for advice in that behalf. And That the ſame Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery aforeſaid, for the time being, to the number of thirteen perſons or more, (of which the Maſter of the Myſtery aforeſaid, for the time being, we Will to be one) as often as they ſhall make, ordain and eſtabliſh ſuch Laws, Orders, Statutes, Inſtitutions, Ordinances and Conſtitutions, They may make, ordain, limit, and provide ſuch manner of puniſhments, peins and penalties, by fines and amercements, or by either of them, for and upon all offenders, againſt ſuch Laws, Inſtitutions, Statutes, Ordinances and Conſtitutions, or either or any of them, as to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery aforeſaid for the time being, or the major part of them (of which the

For the Government of the Society.

In their Orders concerning Medicines to adviſe with the Preſident and 4 Cenſors of the Colledg of Phyſicians.

To puniſh by Fines and Amercements.

the Maſter of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid for the time being we Will to be one) ſhall beſt ſeem to be neceſſary, requiſite and fit, for the obſervation of thoſe Laws, Ordinances and Conſtitutions: And that the ſame Maſter, Wardens and Society of the Myſtery aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, the ſame fines and amercements, by the proper Miniſters and Officers of them the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Society for the time being, by their diſcretion, or otherwiſe according to the Laws and Cuſtoms of our Kingdom of *England*, may and ſhall be enabled to Levy, have, and take to the uſe of the Maſter, Wardens and Society aforeſaid, and of their Succeſſors, without the hindrance of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, or of any of the Miniſters or Officers of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, and without any account to Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, thereof to be rendered and made. All and ſingular which Ordinances, Laws and Conſtitutions, ſo (as aforeſaid) to be made, we Will to be obſerved, under the peins in the ſame contained; yet ſo as ſuch Laws, Conſtitutions, Fines and Amercements, be reaſonable, and be not repugnant to the Laws, Statutes, Cuſtoms or Rights of our Kingdom of *England*. And for the better execution of our Will and Grant on this behalf, We have aſſigned, named, created and conſtituted our well-beloved, the aforeſaid *Edmund Phillips* to be the firſt and preſent Maſter of the Art or Myſtery and Society aforeſaid; and alſo the aforeſaid *Stephen Higgins* and *Thomas Fones* to be the firſt and preſent Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, to be continued in the ſaid offices, from the date of theſe preſents, until the twentieth day of *Auguſt* next following; and afterwards until three others to thoſe offices of Maſter and Wardens of the Art or Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, in due manner ſhall be elected and preferred, according to the ordinances and proviſions in theſe preſents expreſſed and declared, if the ſaid *Edmund Phillips*, *Stephen Higgins* and *Thomas Fones* ſhall ſo long live (unleſs in the mean time, for ill government or ill behaving of themſelves in that behalf, or for any other reaſonable cauſe they ſhall be removed, or either of them ſhall be removed from thoſe offices) And we

To the uſe of the Maſter, &c.

Without giving account.

But to be moderate, and not contrary to Law.

Edmund Phillips firſt Maſter.

Stephen Higgins and *Tho. Fones* firſt Wardens.

we alſo have aſſigned and named, created, conſtituted and made, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, We do aſſign, create, name, conſtitute and make our beloved the aforeſaid *John Wolfgangfumler, Gideon de Lawne, Lewis Myreum, Richard Bacon, Thomas Whitly, John Parkinſon, John Huett, William Checkly, Daniel Darnelly, William Wells, Adrian Barton, Joſiah Harris, Thomas Criſtie, John Sheppard, Gabriel Sheriffe, Thomas Bullard, Richard Edwards, James Collwell, Thomas Hicks, Edward Cooke,* and *John Warkehowſe,* well learned, educated, and expert in the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries, to be the firſt and immediate Aſſiſtants of the ſame Myſtery and Society of Apothecaries, to be continued in the ſame offices and places during their natural lives, unleſs in the mean time, for ill government or ill behaving of themſelves, in that behalf, or for any other reaſonable cauſe, they ſhall be removed, or any or either of them ſhall be removed; Which Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, ſhall take their Corporal oaths well and faithfully to execute their offices aforeſaid, before *Francis Bacon,* Knight, our Attorney General; *Henry Yelverton,* Knight, our Solicitor General; *Theodore Mayerne* and *Henry Atkins,* Doctors in Phyſick; and *John Townlye,* Eſq; (or before two of them) to which five, or two of them, we give and grant by theſe preſents, full power and authority to give and adminiſter the Oaths offered to the Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery aforeſaid, within forty days after the date of theſe preſents. And alſo the aforeſaid Maſter of the Myſtery aforeſaid, and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, ſhall take their corporal Oaths well and faithfully to execute the ſaid office of Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery aforeſaid in all things touching and concerning the ſame offices, before the Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery aforeſaid, or the greateſt prrt of them, within fifty days after the date of theſe preſents; And ſo from time to time, *toties quoties,* the Maſters and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, ſhall be elected and preferr'd, before they be admitted, or any one of them be admitted to the execution of the Office aforeſaid.

First Aſſiſtants.

To take an Oath before the Attorney General and the Phyſicians.

The Maſter and Wardens to be ſworn before the Aſſiſtants.

And

And farther, We Will, and by theſe preſents, for Our Selves, our Heirs and Succeſſors, We Grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens and Society of the Myſtery in the Art of Apothecaries aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the time being, and their Succeſſors, to the number of thirteen perſons or more (if ſo many can conveniently be aſſembled together) from time to time, and at all times to come, hereafter have and ſhall have power and authority, yearly, and every year for ever, in and upon the twentieth day of *Auguſt*, or within eight days next after the ſaid twentieth day of *Auguſt*, to elect and name, and that they may elect and name three of the moſt honeſt and diſcreet men of the Society aforeſaid, of which one ſhall be the Maſter, and the other two ſhall be Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for one whole year then next following, and thenceforth until three other honeſt and diſcreet men of the Myſtery aforeſaid, ſhall be elected and preferred, according to the Ordinances and proviſions in theſe preſents expreſſed and declared.

Power to the Aſſiſtants to chuſe a Maſter and Wardens.

And We farther Will, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors. do Grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that if it ſhall happen the Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, or any of them, at any time within one year after they ſhall, ſo as aforeſaid, be elected and preferred to the offices of Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, or any one or more of them, after they are elected and appointed, to dye or to be removed from thoſe offices (which Maſter and Wardens, and every of them, for ill government, or for any other reaſonable cauſe, We Will ſhall be from time to time removable by the reſt, the Maſter and Wardens not offending or failing in their duty, and by the Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the time being, to the number of thirteen perſons or more) That then, and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful for ſo many of the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, which ſhall then ſurvive and remain,

Power to chuſe others in caſe of death or removal.

to the number of thirteen perſons or more, at their pleaſure to chuſe and prefer one or more other or others to be Maſter and Warden or Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid (according to the Ordinance and proviſion in theſe preſents declared) to execute and exerciſe the aforeſaid offices of Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, until the twentieth day of *Auguſt* then next following, or within eight days before the twentieth day of *Auguſt*, and from thence until three other honeſt and diſcreet men of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, ſhall be named and choſen into the offices of Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, according to the Ordinances and proviſions in theſe preſents declared and expreſſed, and ſo *toties quoties* as the caſe ſhall fall out to be.

And We further Will, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, We do ordain and Grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens and Society of the Myſtery aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that whenſoever it ſhall happen that any one or more of the aforeſaid one and twenty Aſſiſtants for the time being, of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid do dye, or for any reaſonable Cauſe be removed from their offices of Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid (which Aſſiſtants, and every one of them, not well behaving him or themſelves in thoſe offices, or for any other reaſonable cauſe, we Will to be removable, from time to time, by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, to the number of thirteen perſons or more, which at that time ſhall remain and ſurvive) At their pleaſure, from time to time, to elect, nominate and appoint one or more, other or others, of the moſt honeſt and worthy perſons, being of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, into the place or places of that Aſſiſtant, or thoſe Aſſiſtants, of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, ſo happening to dye, or to be removed, to ſupply the aforeſaid number of one and twenty Aſſiſtants aforeſaid: And that he or they, after that they ſhall be ſo elected or nominated, and before they, or any of them, be admitted to the execution of the aforeſaid office of Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, ſhall take their corporal Oaths, upon the holy Evan-

To chuſe new Aſſiſtants.

And ſwear them.

Evangeliſts, before the Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid for the time being, well, truly, faithfully and honeſtly, to execute thoſe offices, and to keep all thoſe Secrets, which, in the Court of Aſſiſtants, in his or their preſence ſhall be communicated or diſcourſed of, and ſo *toties quoties* as the caſe ſhall happen.

Moreover, we give, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, We grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens and Society of the Art and Myſtery of Apothecaries aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, That the Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the time being, may and ſhall have full power and authority, from time to time, to give and adminiſter a corporal Oath upon the holy Evangeliſts, as well to all the Maſters, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the time to come, to be elected and admitted into the ſaid offices or places (as aforeſaid) and to all officers of the Myſtery and Society aforeſaid, for the due execution of their offices, rightly well and faithfully, in all things touching or concerning theſe offices ſeverally, as to all Apprentices, and to all other the Free-men of the Myſtery aforeſaid whatſoever.

Power to adminiſter the Oath to the Maſter and Wardens.

And further, that as much as in us lies, we may provide for the ſafety of our Subjects and the publick good, and that thoſe miſchiefs and inconveniencies, daily happening by the unlearned and inexpert, deceitful and diſhoneſt men, exerciſing the Art of Apothecaries, may the better be avoided, We Will, and of our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer motion, by theſe preſents, for our Selves, our Heirs and Succeſſors, grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens and Society of the Myſtery of Apothecaries aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that it may not, or ſhall not be lawful henceforth for the future, for any perſon or perſons whatſoever, now being, or hereafter to be Free-men of the Myſtery of Grocers aforeſaid, or of any other Arts, Faculties or Myſteries in the City of *London*, and in the ſame Art, Faculty or Myſtery educated, or to be educated, to furniſh, hold, or have any Apothecaries Shop or Warehouſe, or to make, mix, put together, compound, prepare, offer, apply or adminiſter any

No Grocer to keep an Apothecaries Shop.

Medicines whatſoever: Or any Compound Medicines, or Medicinal Compoſitions, *viz.* Compounded Diſtilled Waters, or Chymical Oyls, Apozems, Syrups, Conſerves, *Lohocks*, Electuaries, Candites, Pills, Powders, Trochiſcks, Oyls, Oyntments, Plaiſters, in any manner to ſell, openly publiſh, utter, exerciſe, or expoſe to ſale to any perſon or perſons whatſoever, or otherwiſe to uſe or exerciſe in any manner ſoever, the Art, Faculty or Myſtery of an Apothecary, or any part of it, within the City of *London*, or Liberties thereof, or within ſeven miles of the ſaid City, and under the penalty of five pounds for every month in which ſuch perſon or perſons doth or do exerciſe the Art and Myſtery of an Apothecary (as aforeſaid) againſt the true intent of theſe Letters Patents. Which Forfeitures and Penalties may, from time to time, be levy d and recover'd by diſtreſs, or by account of debt to be proſecuted in the name of the Junior Warden for the time being, or otherwiſe, in any of our Courts at *Weſtminſter*; one half thereof to be taken and applied to the uſe of the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery of Apothecaries.

Under the Penalty of 5 *l. per menſem.*

We Will alſo and by theſe Preſents for our ſelves, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that no perſon or perſons whatſoever may have, keep, or furniſh an Apothecary's Shop or Ware-houſe, or may exerciſe the Art or Myſtery of an Apothecary, or may make, mingle, put together, compound, prepare, offer, apply, or adminiſter any Medicines whatſoever; or in any manner ſell, openly publiſh, utter, uſe, or expoſe to ſale, any compound Medicines or Compoſitions, to any perſon or perſons whatſoever, within the City of *London* and Liberties of the ſame, or within ſeven miles of the ſaid City, unleſs ſuch perſon or perſons, by the ſpace of ſeven years at leaſt, hath or have been educated, inſtructed and taught, as an Apprentice or Apprentices with ſome Apothecary or Apothecaries, exerciſing the ſame Art, and being free of the ſame Myſtery. And after ſuch ſeven years of ſervice or Apprentiſhip (as aforeſaid) ſhall be elapſed and run out, that then

No perſon to keep a Shop,

Till he have ſerved 7 years Apprentiſhip.

then every ſuch Apprentice ſhall appear and be preſented before the Maſter and Wardens for the time being; and by the ſame Maſter and Wardens (the Preſident of the College or Community of the Faculty of Phyſick in *London* for the time being, being called to their aſſiſtance, or ſome Phyſitian or Phyſitians by the ſaid Preſident to be named, and for that purpoſe from time to time to be aſſigned. If upon notice thereof given, ſuch aforeſaid Phyſitian, or Phyſitians, will be preſent, and adviſement with the ſame had) ſhall be examined, proved, and tried, concerning his knowledge, and choice of Simples, and concerning the preparation, diſpenſation, uſing, commixtion, and compoſition of Medicines; and ſhall be by the ſame Phyſitians, Maſter and Wardens well try'd and approved before he preſumes to have, keep, or furniſh an Apothecarys Shop, or prepare, make, mingle, compoſe, compound, offer, adminiſter openly, publiſh, utter, uſe, ſell, or expoſe to Sale, any Medicines whatſoever, or otherwiſe exerciſe in any manner whatever the Art of an Apothecary, or any part of the ſame within the City of *London*, and Liberties thereof, or within ſeven miles of the ſame City.

No Apprentice to be made free, unleſs allowed by the Preſident of the College of Phyſicians, or ſome Phyſician deputed by him, who is to be preſent at his Examination by the Maſter and Wardens.

And be examined.

Note, By the late Act 6 *Will.* 3. made to exempt Apothecaries from the Offices therein mentioned, that no Apothecary is to have any benefit of Exemption by vertue of the ſame Act, unleſs he hath been firſt duly examined and approv'd by the Preſident, or other Phyſitians of the Colledg, purſuant to this Clauſe of the Charter, and can produce a Teſtimonial thereof, as appears by the ſaid Act.

And further, out of our more abundant ſpecial Grace, and certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the better Government and Rule of all Perſons which now do, or hereafter ſhall, exerciſe the Art or Myſtery of an Apothecary aforeſaid, within the City of *London*, or Suburbs thereof, or within ſeven miles of the ſame City, we have given and granted, and by theſe Preſents for our ſelves, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do give and grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, That the Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery aforeſaid, for the time being, and their Succeſſors, from henceforth, for ever, may, and ſhall have full power and authority, from time to time, to take, and have the over-

ſight, ſcrutiny, examination, government and correction, of all, and all manner of perſons whatſoever, as well Freemen as others, uſing, or exerciſing the Art, Myſtery, or Faculty of an Apothecary, or any part thereof as aforeſaid, within our City of *London*, the Liberties and Suburbs of the ſame City, as well within the Liberties as without; where any perſon uſing, or exerciſing the Art, Myſtery, or Faculty of an Apothecary, or any part thereof, ſhall inhabit, or abide, or ſhall happen to inhabit, or abide: And that the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, and their Succeſſors, or any one, or more of them, or any of the Aſſiſtants by the Maſter and Wardens to be nominated, and aſſigned, at ſeaſonable and convenient times, and in manner and form convenient and lawful, from time to time, as often as to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens it ſhall ſeem expedient, may go, and enter into any Shop, or Shops, Houſe, or Houſes, of any perſon, or perſons whatſoever, uſing, or exerciſing the Art or Myſtery of an Apothecary, or any part thereof, within the City of *London*, Suburbs, and Liberties of the ſame aforeſaid, or within ſeven Miles of the ſaid City, as well within Liberties, as without, where any Medicines either ſimple or compound, Wares, Drugs, Receipts, Diſtilled Waters, Chymical Oils, Syrups, Conſerves, Electuary Pills, Powders, Lohocks, Oils, Ointments, Plaiſters, or any other things whatſoever, which appertain, or belong, to the ſaid Art or Myſtery of an Apothecary as aforeſaid, probably, or likely may be found; and inſpect, ſearch, and try, if the ſame Medicines ſimple or compound, Wares, Drugs, Receipts, Diſtilled Waters, Chymical Oils, Syrups, Conſerves, *Lohocks*, Electuary Pills, Powders, *Trochiſcks*, Oils, Ointments, Plaiſters, or any other things whatſoever to the ſaid Art or Myſtery of an Apothecary aforeſaid belonging, be, or ſhall be, good, wholſome, medicable, apt, and fit, for the Cure, Health, and Relief of our Subjects. And alſo that the aforeſaid Maſter and Wardens of the Myſtery aforeſaid, and the Aſſiſtants aforeſaid, for the time being, for this purpoſe by the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to be named and aſſigned, and their Succeſſors, from time to time, may have, and by theſe Preſents ſhall have, full

Power to enter Shops and Houſes.

To ſearch and try Medicines.

power

power and authority, to examine and try, all and every the perſons profeſſing, uſing, or exerciſing, or who ſhall hereafter, profeſs, uſe, or exercife, the Art or Myſtery of an Apothecary, or any part of the ſame, within the aforeſaid City of *London*, Suburbs, or Liberties of the ſame, or within ſeven Miles of the ſaid City, (as well within Liberties as without) of, and concerning their, and every of their Judgment, Skill, and Knowledge, in the aforeſaid Art or Myſtery of an Apothecary; and all thoſe whom they ſhall find hereafter either unskilled, ignorant, and inſufficient, or obſtinate, and refuſing to be examined by virtue of theſe Preſents, in the Art or Myſtery aforeſaid, to be removed, and forbid, from the exerciſe, uſe, and practice, of the Myſtery or Art aforeſaid; and alſo all and every ſuch Medicines, Wares, Drugs, Receipts, Diſtilled Waters, Chymical Oils, Syrups, Conſerves, *Lohocks*, Electuaries, Pills, Powders, Trochiſchs, Oils, Ointments, and Plaiſters, and all other things belonging to the Art aforeſaid, which they find to be falſe, unlawful, adulterated, ſtale, decayed, unwholſome, corrupt, not medicinable, pernicious, or hurtful, to burn before the doors of the Delinquents; and alſo may appoint, impoſe, and exact a mulct, and other peins and penalties, by fines and amercements, upon ſuch Delinquents, according to their Diſcretions, and the Ordinances by them and their Succeſſors, ſo (as aforeſaid) to be made and conſtituted. We Willing, Charging, and Commanding, (and by theſe Preſents for our ſelves, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, firmly enjoyning) all and ſingular the Mayors, Juſtices, Bayliffs, Conſtables, and all other our Officers, Miniſters, and Subjects whatſoever, that they be aſſiſting to, aiding, and comforting the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Myſtery and Society of Apothecaries aforeſaid, and every of them, and their Succeſſors, for the doing, enjoying, having, and executing, all, and ſingular thoſe things, by us, to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society, and their Succeſſors, by theſe our Letters Patents, granted, and every, or any part, and parcel thereof.

To burn all unwholſome and hurtful medicines.

Officers to be aſſiſtant to the Maſter, Wardens, *&c.* in their ſearch.

And further we Will, and by theſe Preſents, of our more ample ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer

Motion,

Motion, for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society, of the Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that they, the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery of Apothecaries aforeſaid, have, hold, retain, and enjoy, and may, and may be able to have, retain, and enjoy, ſo many, ſo great, and ſuch the ſame manner of, and like Franchiſes, Privileges, Cuſtoms, Immunities, Acquittans, Profits, Commodities, Increments, Advantages, and Emoluments whatſoever, in buying, merchandizing, or gaining Aromatiques, Medicines, Drugs, and other things, and matters whatſoever, to the Art or Myſtery of an Apothecary belonging, and appertaining, how many, and how great, and of what quality ſoever they be, and in as ample manner, and form, as heretofore they ever have had, poſſeſſed, or enjoyed, or in any manner, or wiſe, ought to have had, poſſeſſed, and enjoyed, when they remained with the aforeſaid Free-men of the Myſtery of Grocers, and made, and were one body corporate and politique, promiſcuouſly and undividedly with them.

Power to buy and ſell Drugs, *&c.*

And further we Will, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant, and give ſpecial, and free Licence, and lawful Ability, Power, and Authority, to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery or Art of Apothecaries aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, to have, take, and purchaſe to them, and their Succeſſors for ever, Mannors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, feeding Grounds, Paſtures, Woods, Underwoods, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reverſions, and other Hereditaments whatſoever, within our Kingdom of *England*, or elſewhere within our Dominions, as well of us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as of any other perſon or perſons whatſoever (which are not holden immediately of us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, in *Capite*, or by Knights Service) ſo that the ſaid Mannors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feeding Grounds, Paſtures, Woods, Underwoods, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reverſions, Services, and Hereditaments, ſo by them to be had, taken, and purchaſed, do not exceed in the whole, the clear

Power to purchaſe Lands, *&c.*

clear yearly value of forty Pounds *per annum*, beyond all Charges and Reprizes (the Statute of Mortmaine, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Proviſion, heretofore made, ordained, or provided, or any other cauſe, matter, or thing whatſoever, to the contrary thereof, in any wiſe notwithſtanding.)

We give alſo, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant to each, or any of the Subjects of us, or of our Heirs, and Succeſſors, our ſpecial and free Licence, and our lawful Power, Leave, and Authority, that they, or any one, or more of them, may give, grant, ſell, deviſe, or alien to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, Mannors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feeding Grounds, Paſtures, Woods, Underwoods, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reverſions, Services, and other Hereditaments whatſoever, which are not holden of us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, immediately in *capite*, or otherwiſe by Knights Service; ſo that all the aforeſaid Mannors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feeding Grounds, Paſtures, Woods, Underwoods, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reverſions, Services, and other Hereditaments: ſo to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery and Art aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, by virtue of theſe Preſents, to be given, granted, deviſed, or aliened, do not exceed in the whole, the clear yearly value of forty pounds *per annum*, beyond all Charges and Reprizes, (the Statute of Mortmaine, or any other cauſe, matter, or thing whatſoever, heretofore had, made, publiſhed, ordained, or provided to the contrary thereof, in any manner, or wiſe, notwithſtanding.)

Power to ſell.

We Will alſo, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery or Art of Apothecaries of the City of *London* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, That the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, for the time being, or their Succeſſors, or the greater part of them, from henceforth, for ever, may nominate, and chooſe, one honeſt and fit man, who ſhall be, and ſhall be named Common Clerk of the Society aforeſaid; and that

To chooſe a Clerk, who is alſo to be ſworn.

that ſuch Clerk, before he be admitted to execute the ſaid Office, ſhall take a Corporal Oath before the Maſter, and Wardens of the Society aforeſaid, for the time being, duly and faithfully to execute the ſame Office, according to his knowledge in all things touching the ſame; and that after the Oath aforeſaid, ſo given, he may exerciſe, and uſe the ſaid Office, during the pleaſure of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Society aforeſaid, for the time being, or the greater part of them, whereof the Maſter of the Art and Myſtery aforeſaid, for the time being we Will to be one.

Power to chooſe a Beadle.

And we Will further, and by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery of Apothecaries aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, That the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants for the time being, and their Succeſſors, or the major part of them, from time to time, from henceforth may, name, and elect, one apt and fit man, who ſhall be, and ſhall be named, Beadle of the Society aforeſaid. And that ſuch Beadle ſo (as aforeſaid) choſen and nominated, before he is admitted to execute the ſaid Office, ſhall take a Corporal Oath before the Maſter and Wardens of the Society aforeſaid, for the time being, to execute the Office aforeſaid, well, and faithfully in all things, touching the ſaid Office. And that after ſuch Oath ſo taken, he may exerciſe, and hold the ſaid Office, during the pleaſure of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, for the time being (of which the Maſter of the Art and Myſtery aforeſaid, for the time being, we Will to be one.)

And give him an Oath.

And laſtly we Will, and by theſe Preſents declare, our Royal Intention to be, That theſe our Letters Patents, or any thing herein contained, ſhall not go to the prejudice of the Preſident, and College, or Community of Phyſitians of the City of *London*, nor to the taking away, infringing, or diminiſhing, of the Juriſdiction, Authority, Superviſing, or Correction of the ſame Preſident, and Colledge, or Community, and their Succeſſors, in the Medicines of the City of *London*: But that they the ſaid

ſaid Preſident and Community of Phyſitians, and all, and ſingular the Phyſitians of the ſame Colledg, or Community, and their Succeſſors; as alſo the Phyſitians of the King, Queen, and Prince hereafter ought, and as they pleaſe may, exerciſe the Phyſical Art in all its parts; and moreover they ſhall enjoy and uſe, and may enjoy, and uſe, the ſame, and the like Juriſdictions, Authorities, Superviſings, and Corrections, and all other Powers, Priviledges, and Liberties, as the Apothecaries have any time heretofore, uſed and enjoyed, and moreover generally all other Authorities, Privileges and Powers, to them, at what time ſoever, or for what cauſe ſoever heretofore granted, by reaſon, or pretence, of any Letters Patents, by us, or by any one, or more of our Progenitors, or by reaſon, or pretence, of any Act, or Acts of Parliament, or in any other Royal manner whatſoever, to the ſame Preſident, and College or Community of Phyſitians, and their Succeſſors, given, granted, or confirmed. We Will nevertheleſs, and ordain, by theſe Preſents, that in any caſe whatſoever, wherein the Preſident and Colledg of Phyſicians of the City of *London* aforeſaid, might have had the Scrutiny of Medicines, by calling to them any one of the Society of Grocers, by vertue of an Act of Parliament, that in the ſame and like caſe the ſaid Preſident of the Colledg ſhall have, enjoy and execute the like power and authority, by calling to them the Maſter and Wardens of the Apothecaries aforeſaid, without that that it ſhall be at all lawful for the time to come for the ſame Phyſicians to Call any of the Myſtery of Grocers aforeſaid, to ſuch ſearch, any thing in any ſuch Statutes to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding: Provided alſo, that theſe our Letters Patents, or any thing in them granted or contained, ſhall not tend to the prejudice of our City of *London*, or Liberties of the ſame; nor in any manner take from the Franchiſes, Liberties, Government, Juriſdictions, or Cuſtoms of the ſame City.

A ſaving of the power of the Preſident, and College of Phyſitians, and their Authority.

The Colledg to have the ſame power in their Searches to call the Maſter and Wardens of the Apothecarys Company, as of the Grocers.

A Saving to the Liberties, Juriſdictions, *&c.* of the City of *London*.

And laſtly, We Will and declare our Intention to be, that the expert and approved Surgeons may exerciſe their Art and Faculty, and all and every of them may uſe and enjoy their own proper Practice, as to what only belongs

What Medicines Surgeons may have to their own uſe.

and tends to Compoſition and application of external Medicines only, ſo as nevertheleſs they do not ſell or expoſe the ſame Medicines to ſale to others, according to the common manner of Apothecaries of our City of *London*, (notwithſtanding that in theſe preſents expreſs mention is not made of the true yearly value, or of the certainty of the Premiſſes, or any of them, or of other Gifts or Grants by us, or by any of our Progenitors or Anceſtors to the aforeſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Society of the Myſtery of Apothecaries of the City of *London* aforeſaid before this time made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proviſion, Proclamation, or Reſtriction to the contrary thereof, before this time had made, publiſhed, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cauſe, or matter whatſoever. In Teſtimony whereof we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents, Witneſs our ſelf at *Weſtminſter* the thirtyth day of *May*, in the Year of our Reign over *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, the thirteenth, and over *Scotland* the eight and fortyth.

By Writ under the Privy Seal,

Cartwright.

We

The Clause in the Act *6 Gulielmi 3* for exempting Apothecaries from serving the Offices of Constable, *&c.*

Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons, Using and Exercising, or that hereafter shall Use and Exercise the Art of an Apothecary within the said City of London, and Seven Miles thereof, **being Free of the said Society, and who already have been, or hereafter shall be duly Examined of his Skill in the said Mystery, and shall be Approved of for the same,** and every of them, for so long as he or they shall Use and Exercise the said Art, and no longer, shall and may at all times hereafter, be Freed and Exempted from the several Offices of Constable, Scavenger, Overseer of the Poor, and all other Parish, Ward and Leet Offices, and of and from the being put into, or serving upon any Juries or Enquests; And if at any time hereafter any such Person or Persons Using the said Art, and being Qualified, as aforesaid, shall be Chosen or Elected into any of the said Offices, or Returned, Required or appointed to serve in any Jury, Leet or Enquest, or be Disquieted or Disturbed by Reason thereof, That then such Person or Persons, producing a Testimonial under the Common Seal of the said Corporation, **of such his Examination, Approbation and Freedom,** to the Person or Persons, by whom he shall be so Elected or Appointed, or by or before whom he shall be Summoned, Returned or Required to Serve or Hold any of the said Offices or Duties, shall be absolutely Discharged from the same, and such Nomination, Election, Return and Appointment shall be utterly Void, and of none Effect; any Order, Custom, Law, or Statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided always that this Act shall continue for the space of seven Years, and from thence to the end of the next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

FINIS.